

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 11318 231101Z
ACTION PM-03

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 NEA-07 AF-04 INR-05 NSC-05
ACDA-10 SP-02 CIAE-00 PRS-01 EB-04 DODE-00 L-01
OMB-01 TRSE-00 /058 W
-----001935 231232Z /23

R 230948Z DEC 77
FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6047
INFO AMEMBASSY RABAT
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT
AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 11318

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: MASS MR CD IR
SUBJ: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD AND MAURITANIA

1. MFA UNDERSECY ZELLI SUMMONED DCM DEC 22 AND SAID APOLOGETICALLY THAT HE REGRETTED RAISING THE QUESTION ONCE AGAIN, BUT THAT HE WANTED TO BE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR WITH RESPECT TO OUR POSITION CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF US-ORIGIN MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO MAURITANIA AND CHAD. HE SAID THAT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE WAS SOME AMBIGUITY IN OUR ATTITUDE ON THIS QUESTION. DCM EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT AS TO WHY THIS MIGHT BE SO AND REHEARSED PRESENTATIONS HE HAD MADE TO ZELLI DURING EARLIER MEETINGS ON THIS SUBJECT. SPECIFICALLY, I REMINDED ZELLI THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD MADE A DETERMINATION THAT CHAD WAS ELIGIBLE FOR FMS AND THAT WE HAD ENCOURAGED A FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM THE GOI TH CHADIAN MILITARY EQUIPMNET REQUESTS. THE ONLY POSSIBLE QUALIFICATION THAT DCM COULD THINK OF IN THIS CONTEXT WAS OUR NOT LOOKING FAVORABLY ON A CHADIAN REQUEST FOR SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 11318 231101Z

WHICH WULD CLEARLY BE BEYOND ITS NEEDS OR ABILITY TO UTILIZE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO MAURITANIA, DCM SAID THAT IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT PRESENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR FMS BUT THAT OUR SAHARAN POLICY WAS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW AND IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT DECISIONS ARISING OUT OF THIS REVIEW COULD HAVE AN

EFFECT ON THIS POSITION. WE WOULD NOT WANT TO SPECULATE
FURTHER ON THIS POINT AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER.

3. ZELLI PRESSED HIS POINT WITH RESPECT TO CHAD BY ASKING
WHETHER "YOU WOULD ONLY CONSIDER FAVORABLY
SUCH A REQUEST." DCM REMINDED ZELLI THAT THIS KIND OF AN
AFFAIR WAS NOT ENTIRELY WITHIN THE CONTROL OF THE EXECUTIVE,
INVOLVING AS IT DOES NOTIFICATION TO THE CONGRESS.

4. WHILE ZELLI DID NOT CONTEST THE POINTS MADE, HE ASKED
THAT HIS INQUIRY BE PUT TO WASHINGTON AND THAT HE BE GIVEN
"A NEW AUTHORITATIVE WASHINGTON OPINION." PLEASE ADVISE.
SULLIVAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY ASSISTANCE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 23-Dec-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977TEHRAN11318
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770479-0871
Format: TEL
From: TEHRAN
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19771220/aaaaaqgj.tel
Line Count: 75
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 1eb1cafd-c188-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION PM
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 135690
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD AND MAURITANIA
TAGS: MASS, MR, CD, IR
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/1eb1cafd-c188-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009